

MINUTES
STILLWATER COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Monday, August 9, 2021 at 10:00 am
West Annex Meeting Room

- I. ATTENDANCE:** Mark Crago, Steve Riveland, Natasha Sailer
 - a. STAFF:** Josh Juarez, Amy Stadel

- II. REVIEW OF MINUTES**
 - a.** Natasha moved to approve July minutes. Commissioner Riveland seconded. Motion approved.

- III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - a. Homestead**
 - i.** Commissioner Crago talked to a guy at the DEQ. The DEQ is at a holding point right now, they were afraid they would interfere with the investigation. Commissioner Hamilton talked to the county attorney and they feel like DEQ would not cause any interference.
 - ii.** Josh talked to Blake at the high school and they are working with Stephanie Ray and the counties on call engineer to get a RO system put into the school.
 - iii.** Natasha made a motion that the Commissioner's office will confirm with the county attorney's office that there will be no issue with the DEQ doing their own investigation on the Homestead. Commissioner Riveland seconded the motion. Motion passes.

- IV. COVID 19 PANDEMIC**
 - a.** Natasha: We are now in the Delta phase. The clinic expects to see a high rise of cases of people who are unvaccinated. Two weeks ago, the state of Montana had 436 cases, the very next week there was over 1200 cases. About 40% of Stillwater County is vaccinated.
 - b.** Commissioner Hamilton asked about masks for schools, Natasha stated that Dr. White wants to continue to focus on vaccines. He does not want to go against the governor's directive. He recommends vaccines, but believes that it should be up to the parents if they want to enforce mask wearing at school.
 - c.** Commissioner Riveland asked about available vaccines. Natasha said that they have Johnson and Johnson and Moderna available. The clinic does not have the Pfizer vaccine. The clinic still does not have vaccines available for children, but Billings does.

- V. HEALTH OFFICER REPORT**
 - a.** Dr. White had nothing to report

- VI. HEALTH NURSE REPORT**
 - a.** Darla will no longer be the County Health Nurse. Natasha and Beth Brosam will step into that position.
 - b.** Chlamydia and gonorrhea have tapered off in Stillwater County

- VII. SANITARIAN REPORT**
 - a.** Crow Chief

- i. Josh talked to Essex Surveying and they will be available to look at this property at the beginning of September.
- ii. Commissioner Riveland talked to the property owner about making a boundary line adjustment, and they were not interested in doing that. They would be gaining unbuildable property and giving up more valuable property.
- iii. Josh and Commissioner Riveland will continue to work together to get this remedied.

VIII. OTHER

- a. Natasha: Need to do an after-action report with the covid team. Schedule for after the next BOH meeting.

IX. ADJOURN

- a. Commissioner Riveland adjourned the meeting at 10:50 am. Commissioner Crago seconded.